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なく頃
に令

色尊し編

IS SOME-
THING THE
MATTER,
RIKA
FURUDE-
SAN?

ORIGINAL WORK: RYUKISHIO7
MANGA: KEI NATSUMI

Higurashi no **Naku** Koro ni
~Irotoutoshi-hen~

...

IT
SEEMS LIKE
YOU HAD A BAD
DREAM, BUT PLEASE
TRY NOT TO MOVE
AROUND TOO
MUCH, ALL
RIGHT?

ARE
YOU NOT
FEELING WELL?
I JUST FINISHED
REPLACING
YOUR IV DRIP.

WHAT
DAY
IS IT
TODAY?

HEY...
EXCUSE
ME...

...NO...
THIS IS...

IT'S
ALREADY
DAWN...?
DID I FALL
ASLEEP...?

...WHAT
HAPPENED?

YOU
STILL NEED
ANOTHER
TEN DAYS
OR SO OF
BEDREST,
SO PLEASE
ENDURE IT
FOR A
LITTLE
LONGER.

YOU
FELL DOWN
THE STAIRS
AT THE
STATION,
REMEMBER?

THE
13TH OF
JUNE.

IT'S
THE
13TH.

TRouble
KEEPING
YOUR
MEMORIES
STRAIGHT?

HUH?

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ALL THREE
OF THE
EKUSURIKA
JEWELS ARE
BROKEN....!!

I MUST'VE
LOOPED!!

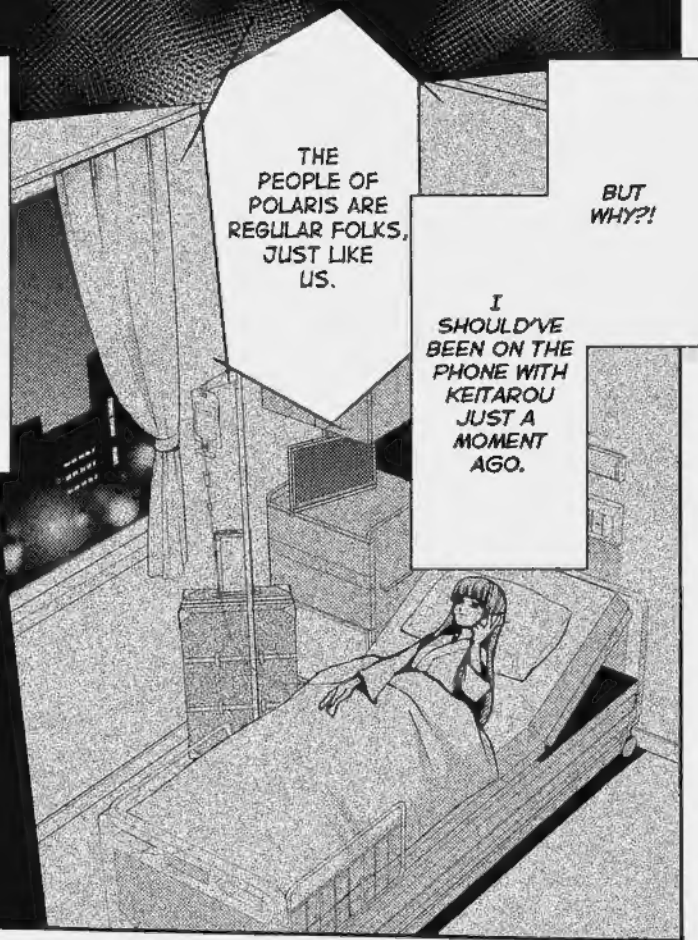
NO
TRAGEDY
HAD
OCCURRED
AT ALL AT
THAT POINT.

THE
PEOPLE OF
POLARIS ARE
REGULAR FOLKS,
JUST LIKE
US.

BUT
WHY?!

I
SHOULD'VE
BEEN ON THE
PHONE WITH
KEITAROU
JUST A
MOMENT
AGO.

AND YET,
I DIED?
IN THAT
FRAGMENT?



Whack

THEY
DON'T
HAVE THE
ILL WILL
THAT EVERY-
ONE IN
HINAMIZAWA
SEEMS
TO THINK
THEY HAVE.

HE TOLD ME
THAT POLARIS
HAD NO ILL
WILL ON THE
NIGHT OF
WATANAGASHI...

SOME-
BODY
CAME
IN...

TO MY
HOS-
PITAL
ROOM...

AND
THEN...
SHORTLY
AFTER
HANGING
UP THE
PHONE...

UGH!





FURUDE-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WHAT ON EARTH...?

I WAS MURDERED...

I'M CERTAIN I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE CULPRIT, BUT THE SHOCK OF THE SITUATION IS KEEPING ME FROM REMEMBERING...!

BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER IT HAPPENING... JUST THE INTENSE PAIN OF IT!

...IT'S NOTHING.

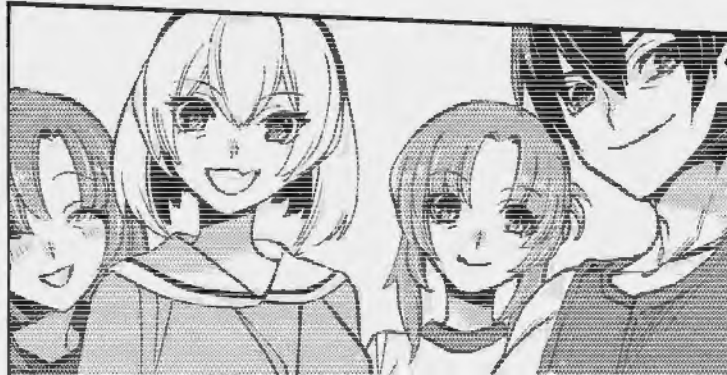
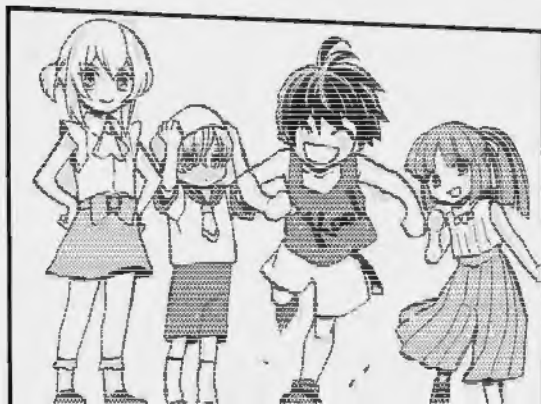
COULD YOU GIVE ME A BIT OF ALONE TIME?


SO,

NO MATTER WHAT SORT OF TRAGEDY OCCURS, I CAN'T DO IT OVER AGAIN...

THE LAST JEWEL HAS ALREADY BEEN SHATTERED.

THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME.





THERE'S
NO GOING
BACK...

IF I
LOSE
IN THIS
FRAGMENT,



IT'S NOT
JUST TO
KEEP THINGS
FROM BEING
LOST! THAT'S
NOT IT!

NO...

NO...


HOW LONG
AM I GOING
TO KEEP BEING A
LITTLE PRINCESS
NEEDING PEOPLE'S
PROTECTION?!



PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
RIKA
FURUDE!

THIS
IS THE ONLY
FRAGMENT
I HAVE LEFT.

SO, I'LL
HAVE TO GIVE
IT MY ALL IN THIS
WORLD, TO STOP
THIS CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-SAMA
IN THE FIRST
YEAR OF THE
REIWA ERA! TO
MAKE SURE
WE WON'T LOSE
ANYONE!



...BY SO
MANY
ADULTS...

...BY SO
MANY
PEOPLE...


I WAS
SAVED...



I'LL BE
THE ONE TO
SAVE THOSE
KIDS FROM
TRAGEDY...!

THIS TIME,
IT'S MY
TURN.





WHAT CAN I
DO? WHAT
IS IT I NEED
TO DO?

I
NEED TO
THINK...

THIS IS
NO TIME TO
FALTER.

THE
WATANA-
GASHI
FESTIVAL
IS ONLY TEN
DAYS AWAY.

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4

5

9

10

11

12

16

17

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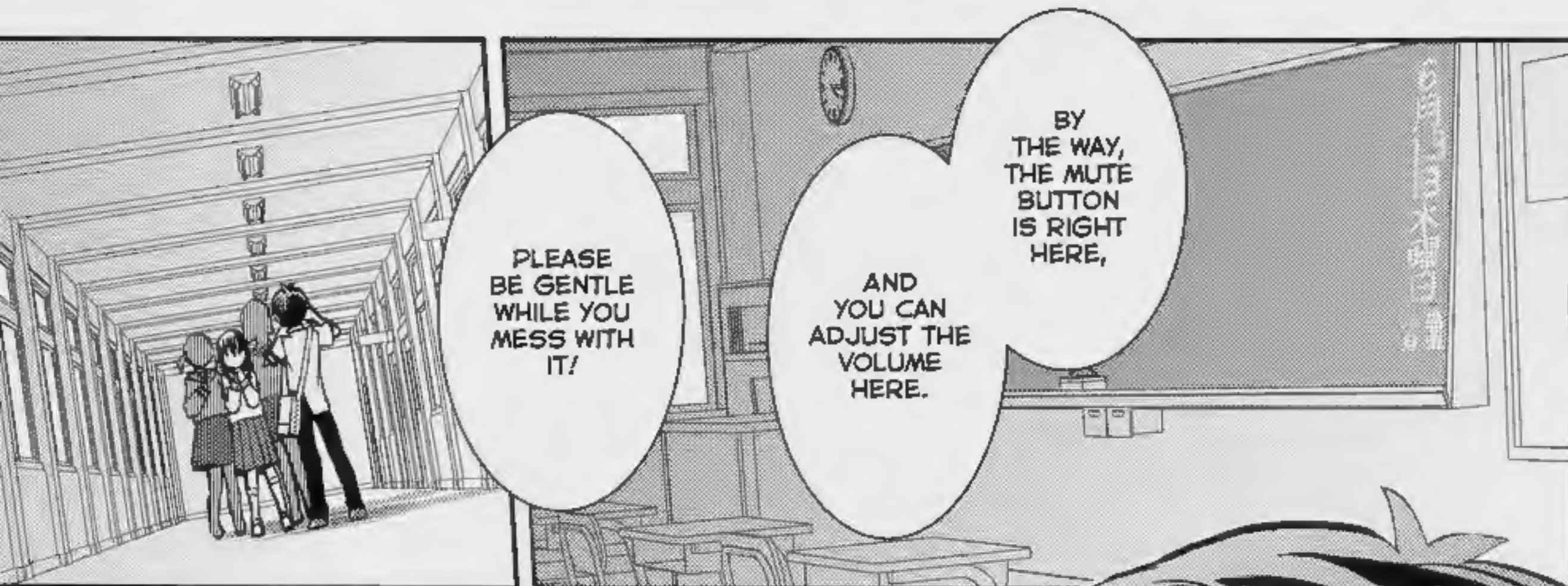
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CRAP...

WHY AM
I ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS...?

S...
SORRY, I
ALWAYS GET
CARRIED AWAY
AND LOSE
SIGHT OF
WHAT'S
AROUND
ME...

...AH...
DID I
STARTLE
YOU?



SALUTATIONS
SHOULD BE
CONDUCTED
WITH PROPER
RESPECT!

FAREWELL,
DORA-
CHAN,
SENSEI!

FAREWELL,
STUDENT!

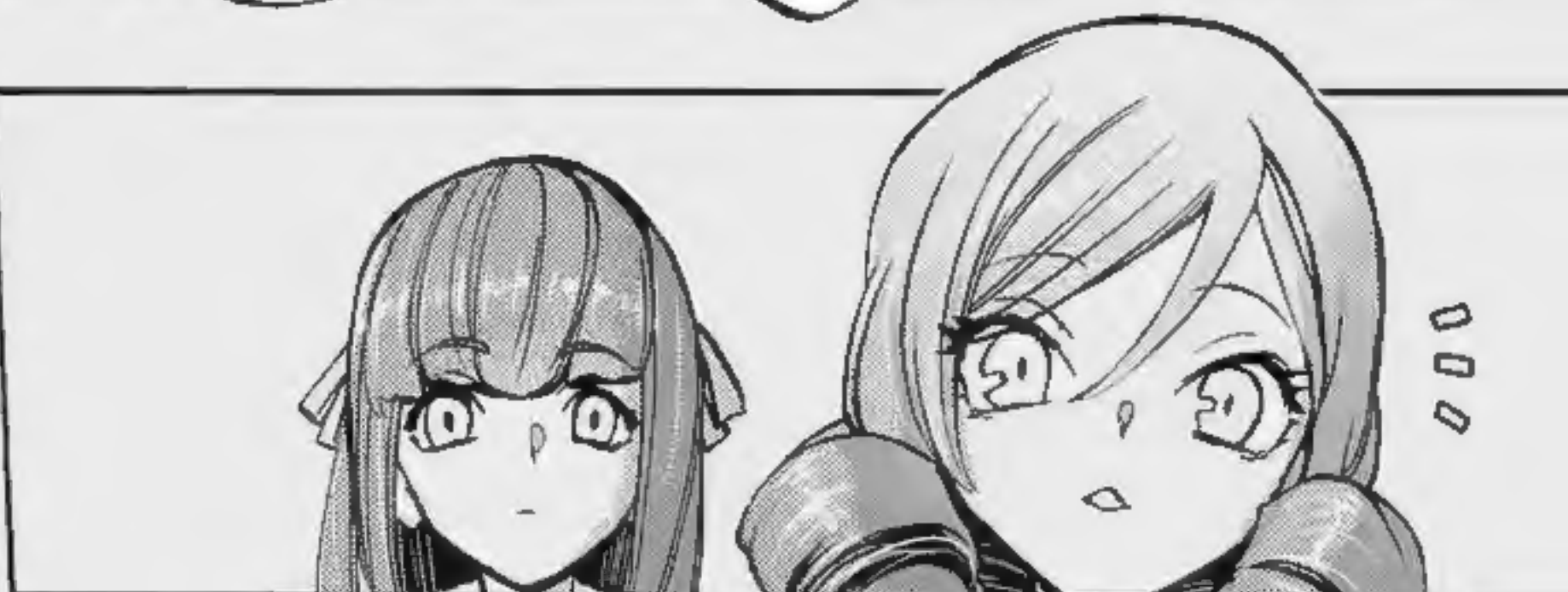
SEE YA,
KONERI-
CHAN!

FARE-
WELL...
TAKE
CARE...



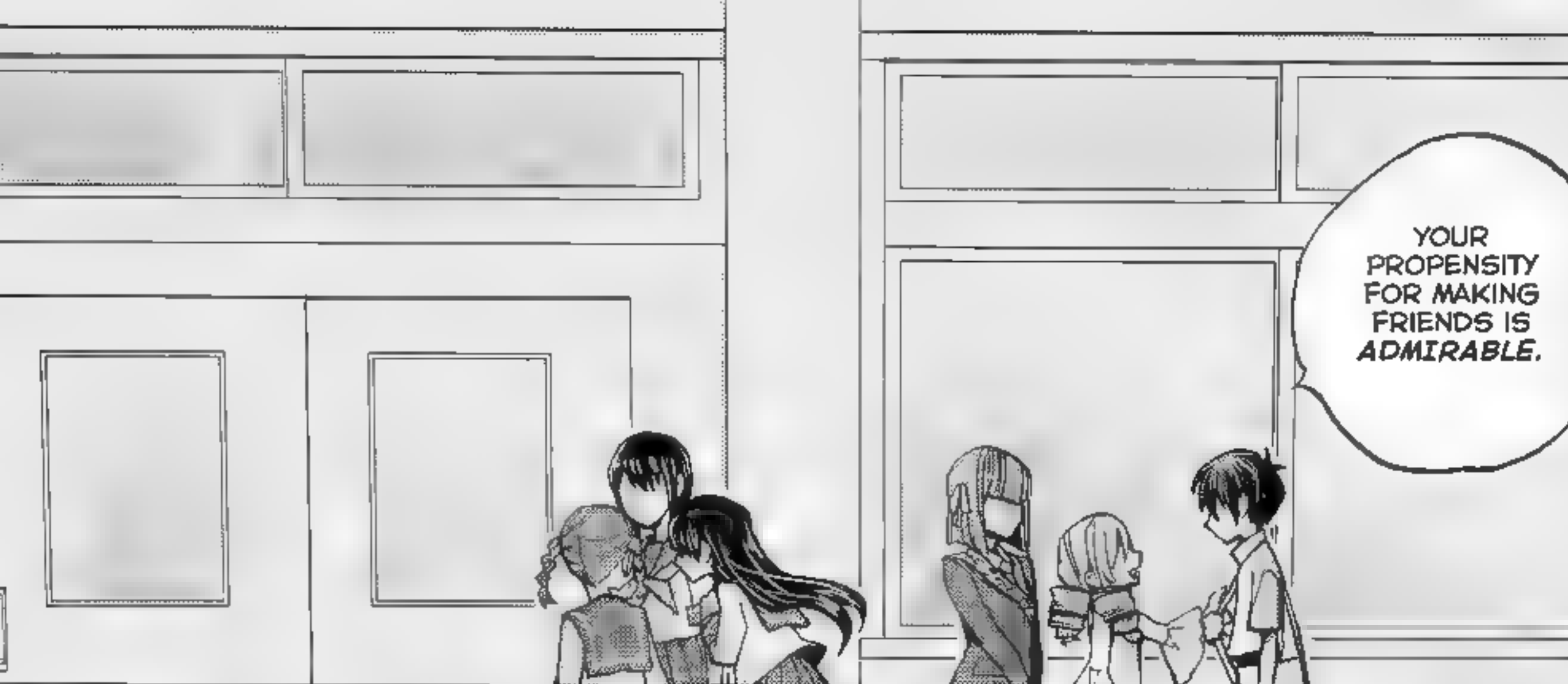
IT
SEEMS
YOU HAVE
GROWN QUITE
ACCUSTOMED
TO THIS
SCHOOL.

TORANO-
SENSEI...



MAEBARA-
KUN...





YOUR
PROPENSITY
FOR MAKING
FRIENDS IS
ADMIRABLE.



AH...



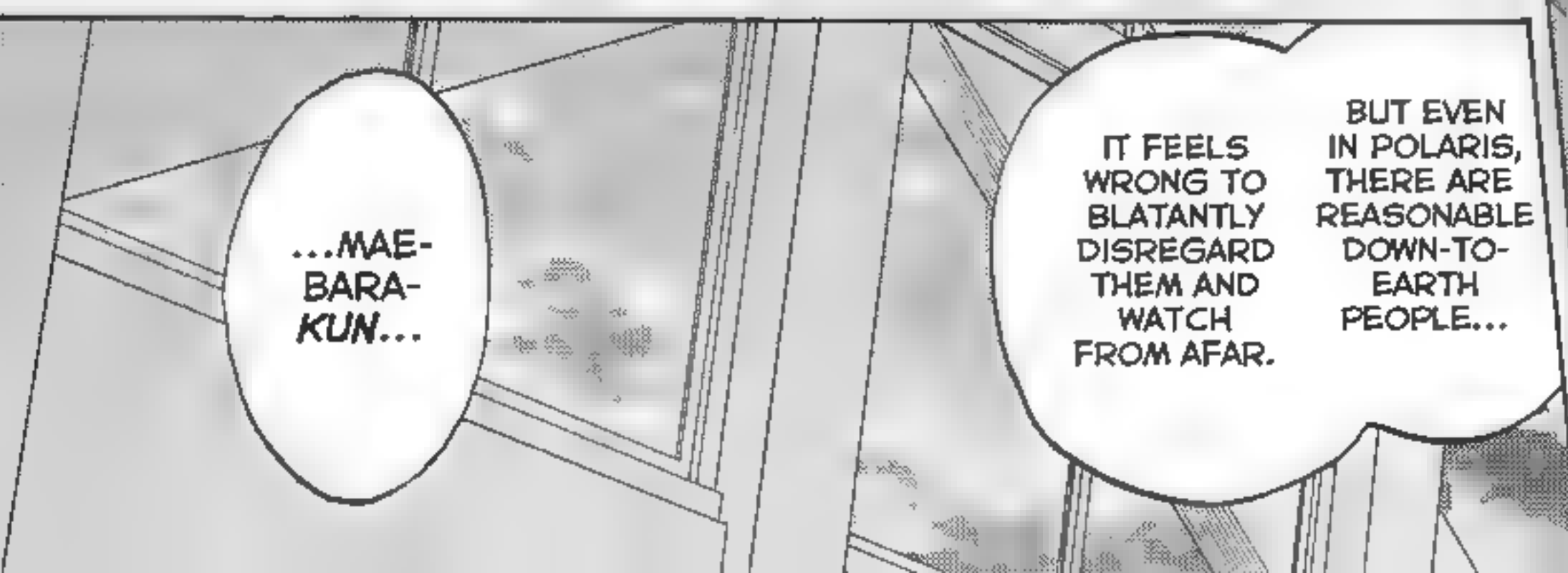
THOSE
GIRLS ARE
MEMBERS
OF THE
POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY.

EVEN YOU
TEACHERS
DON'T WANT
TO GET INVOLVED
WITH A SUSPICIOUS
GROUP LIKE
THEM, RIGHT?



...YOU
KNOW,
TORANO-
SENSEI.

I'M
AT A
LOSS FOR
WHAT TO
DO RIGHT
NOW...



...MAE-
BARA-
KUN...

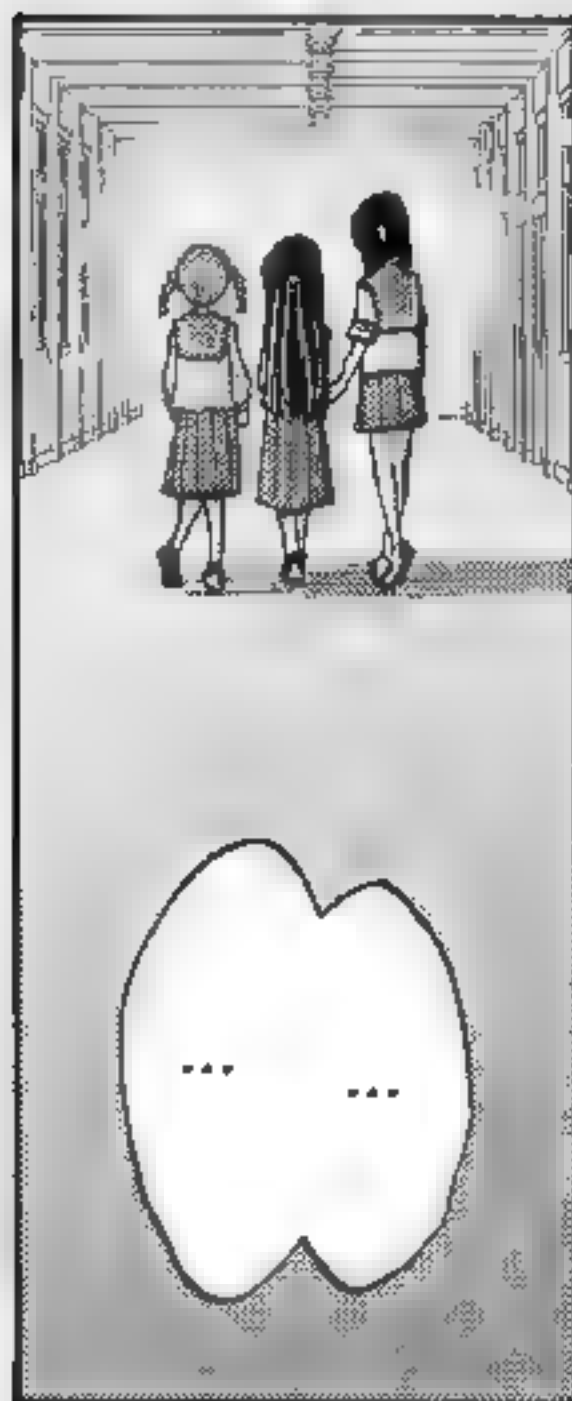
IT FEELS
WRONG TO
BLATANTLY
DISREGARD
THEM AND
WATCH
FROM AFAR.

BUT EVEN
IN POLARIS,
THERE ARE
REASONABLE
DOWN-TO-
EARTH
PEOPLE...



CON-SIDERATION?

IT IS NOT DIS-REGARD.
IT IS CONSIDER-ATION.



...



THEY ARE A GROUP WHO HOLD TRAUMA FROM COMMUNI-CATION.

THUS, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE AT THE SCHOOL DO OUR BEST TO AVOID FORCING THEM TO COMMUNICATE.



TRAUMA FROM... COMMUNI-CATION...

bow...



I'M
REALLY
SORRY...
YOU MUST'VE
BEEN SO
SCARED...

EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S MY
RESPONSIBILITY
TO PROTECT
YOU ALL...



HE'S
JUST GOING
TO GET
IGNORED
ANYWAY, SO
I WISH HE'D
STOP TRYING
TO TALK
TO US.

WHAT A
SHOCK...

JUST
NOW,

THAT
WAS THAT
SECOND-YEAR,
MAEBARA-
SAN...



THANK
GOOD-
NESS THE
TEACHERS
WERE
THERE.

SORRY I
COULDN'T
COME COVER
FOR YOU
SOONER!

KURU-
RU...



THANK
YOU...

KURURU,
YOU'RE ALWAYS
DOING YOUR
BEST FOR
US...

MAE-
BARA...
SAN...

THAT'S
AMAZING...

HE'S
ABLE TO
TALK TO
ANYONE...



I'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FIVE MILLION
YEARS FOR
THE DAY I
CAN GET
SOME
PAYBACK,
YA HEAR~?

HOW
COULD
I EVER
FORGET
THE
HUMILIAT-
ION OF
COMING
LAST
IN THAT
SHOOTING
CONTEST!

BY
THE WAY,
KEITAROU~?
YOU HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN
WHAT HAPPENED
AT WATANAGASHI
FIVE YEARS
AGO, HAVE
YOU?!





WHAT
LOVE...

WHENEVER
KIHRO-CHAN
IS FEELING
DOWN, HE
GAZES AT
THAT PIC OF
KEITAROU
BACKED
UP IN THE
CLOUD, AND IT
BRINGS HIM
A SMILE...

HAU,
KAYTARO
WAS SO
KYUTE
IN HIS
PUNISHMENT
OUTFIT!

DON'T MAKE IT
SOUND LIKE A
PLEASANT
STORYYYY!!



SO THAT I
CAN GET A
DEEP, SOLID,
THOROUGH
LOOK AT
ALL OF YOU
LOSING TO
ME-

BUT OF
COURSE!



AND
SO, OF
COURSE,

YOU
LEFT YOUR
WHOLE DAY
OPEN FOR
WATANAGASHI,
RIGHT?



LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT!

THEY'VE
ADDED
A WHOLE
BUNCH OF
NEW STALLS
SINCE YOU
WERE
LAST HERE,
KEITAROU...

IT'S
BEEN FIVE
YEARS SINCE
ALL FOUR
OF US
WERE AT
THE FESTIVAL
TOGETHER.



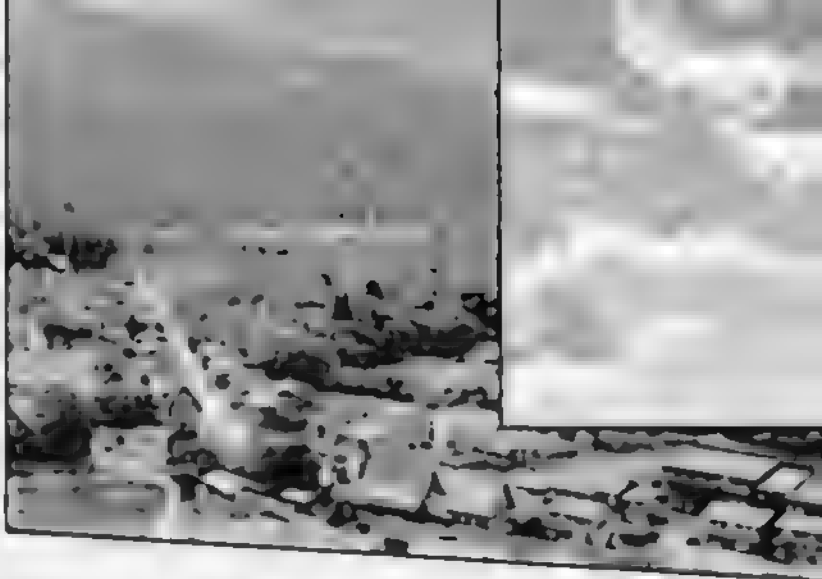
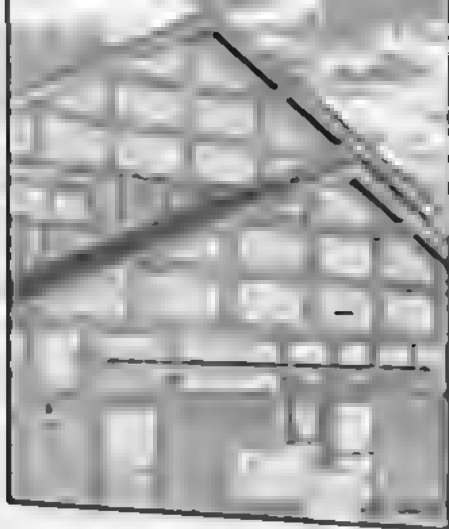
THIS
YEAR, IT'LL
BE ME,
KAYTARO,
SAKIKO,
AND
TAMAKI.

THE
WATANAGASHI
FESTIVAL'S
FOUR DEMON
FIREFIGHT!



Irotoutoshi-hen Chapter 1

Higurashi no **Naku** Koro ni **Rei**
Irotoutoshi-hen



YEP,
KAYTARO
IS AMAZING.
HE CAN MAKE
FRIENDS WITH
ANYONE

AND
BEING
FROM
POLARIS,
SHE'S A
SAME
TYPE

WOW,

MAKING
FRIENDS
WITH A
POLARIS
KID?



...BUT,

KIHIRO,
IS THAT...

REALLY...
ALL RIGHT?

ALL
RIGHT?

...

HMM...



THEN
I'LL BE
HEADING OFF
TO THE
MEETING.

GREAT,
MION. AND DO
YOUR BEST NOT
TO MENTION
THE POLARIS
ISSUE AT ALL.

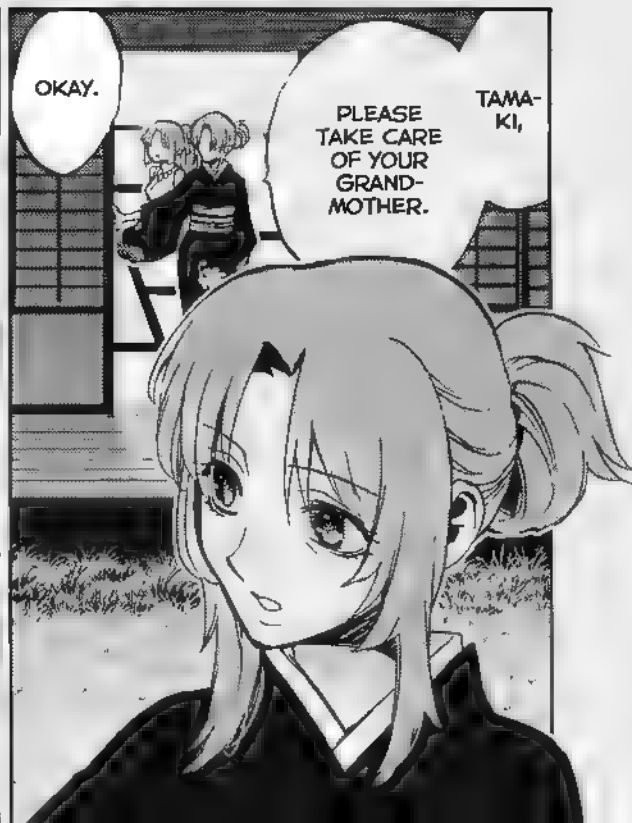
IN OUR
CURRENT
CLIMATE,
WHETHER YOU
SIDE WITH THE
TOWN COUNCIL
OR POLARIS,
THINGS'LL GO
BAD EITHER
WAY...




OKAY.

PLEASE
TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
GRAND-
MOTHER.

TAMA-
KI,





IT'S
REALLY NOT
WORTH THE
EFFORT.

NOW
LISTEN,
MION, I
KNOW I'M
REPEATING
MYSELF,
BUT...


I GET
IT, I GET
IT...

IF I
TAKE THESE
THINGS TOO
SERIOUSLY,
IT'LL BE THE
DEATH OF
ME.



ALL
RIGHT, ALL
RIGHT.

GUESS
I'LL BE ON
THE RECEIVING
END OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL'S
FRUSTRATIONS
IN YOUR PLACE
AGAIN TODAY,
HUH MOM...




THANKS
TO POLARIS
REFUSING
TO FIT IN WITH
THE VILLAGE,
EVEN THE
SONOZAKI
FAMILY
IS BEING
CRITICIZED.



THEY
SHOULD
JUST LEAVE IF
THEY DON'T
LIKE THIS
VILLAGE.



...MOM,
GRANDMA,
I FEEL SORRY
FOR BOTH OF
YOU.



I'M THE
ONE THAT
SAID WE SHOULD
BE CONSIDERATE
OF THEM, SO THERE'S
NO HELPING THAT
WE'RE TAKING THE
HEAT FOR
IT NOW.



THAT'S
ONE
OF YOUR
STRONGEST
TALENTS.

EVEN IF
YOU WERE
BITTER ABOUT
IT, YOU CAN
BEHAVE IN A WAY
THAT DOESN'T
SHOW IT.

TAMAKI,

EVEN
YOU'RE HAVING
UNCOMFORT-
ABLE THOUGHTS
ABOUT THIS,
EH TAMAKI?



YOU'LL
MAKE A
GOOD
LEADER.

I'M
NOT BITTER
ABOUT IT AT
ALL, GRAND-
MOTHER.



AND
WITH HIM
HERE, I'M
SURE...

KEIICHI-
KUN WILL
BE COMING
BACK HERE
SOON.



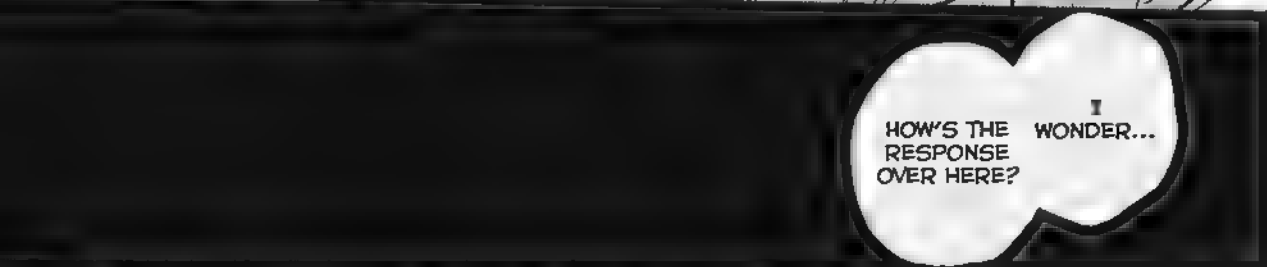
NOW
IS NOT
YET THE TIME
FOR US
TO TAKE
ACTION.



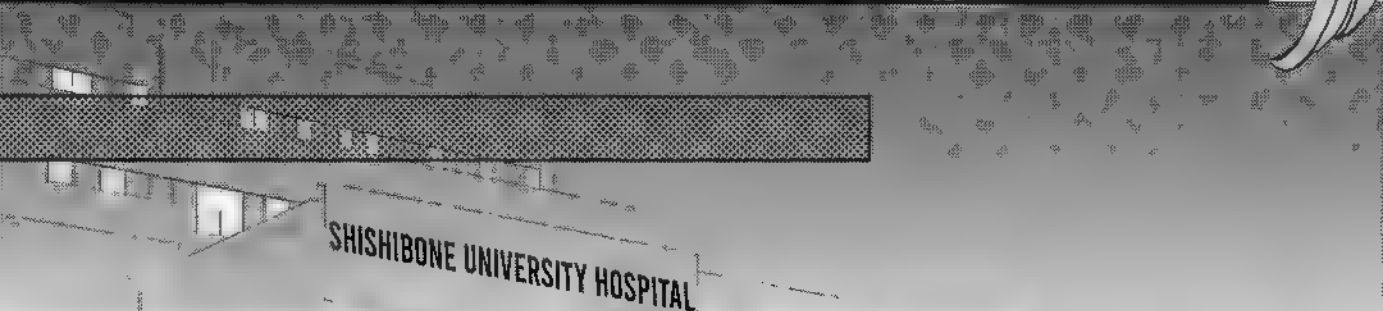


SWITCH
ACCOUNTS

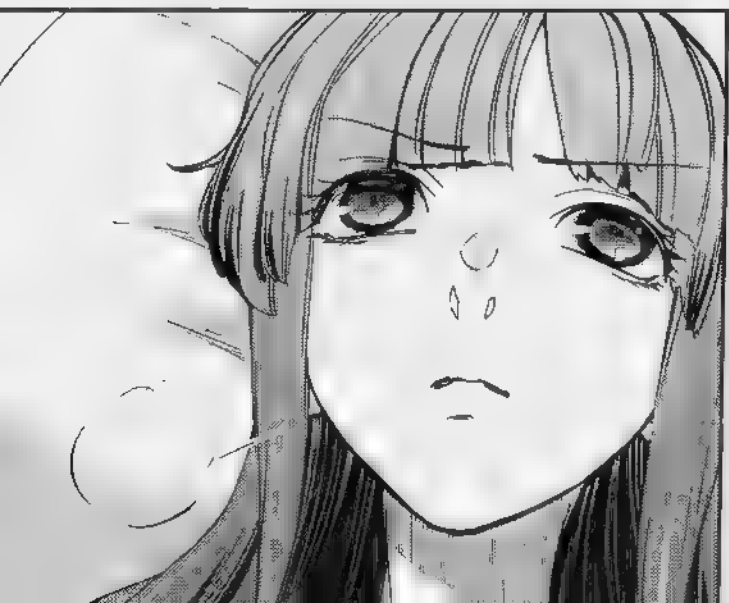
NOW
THEN...



I
WONDER...
HOW'S THE
RESPONSE
OVER HERE?



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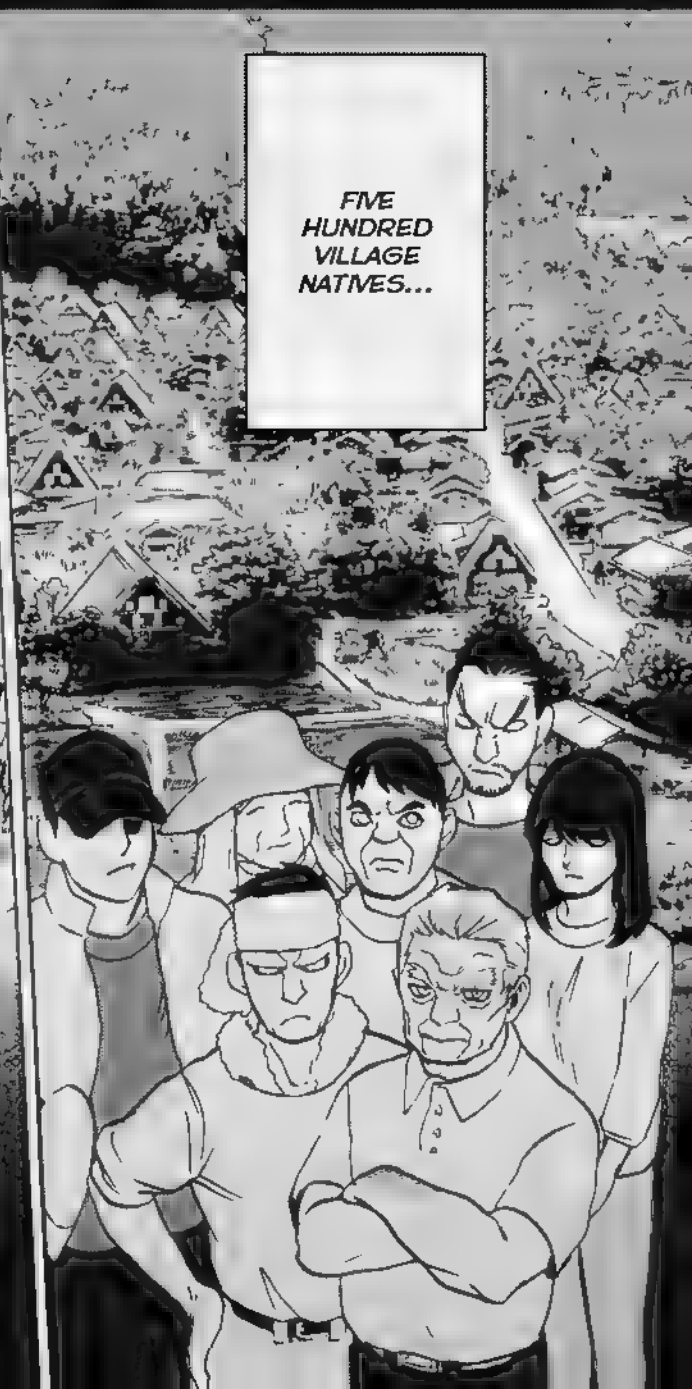
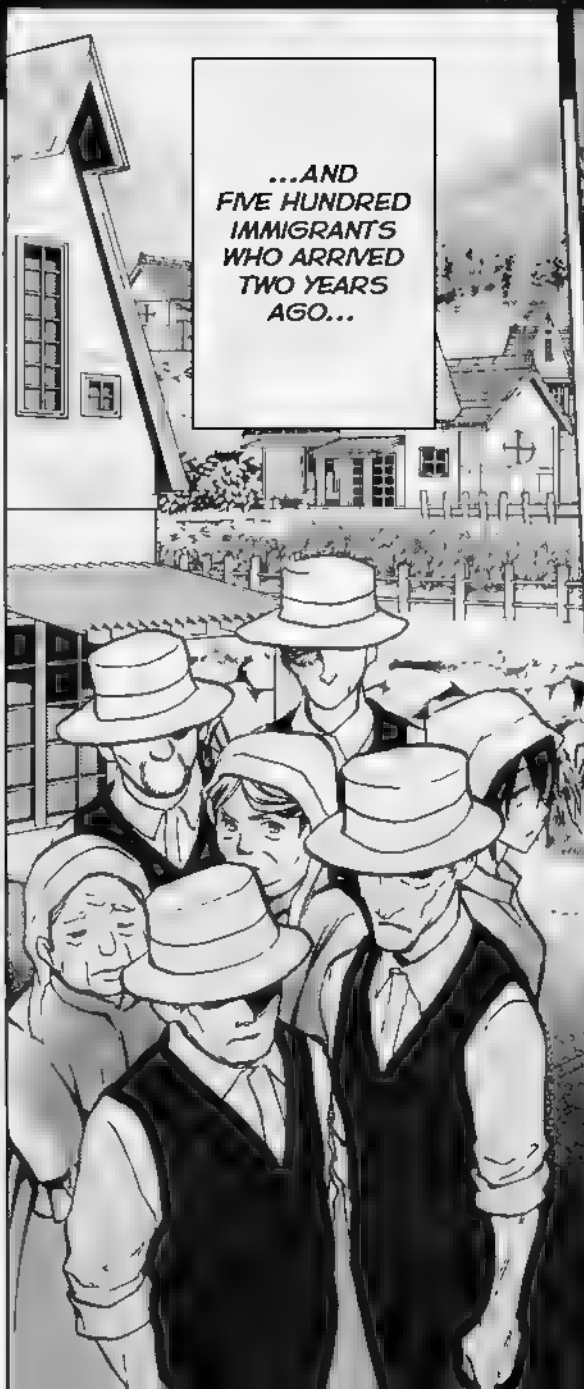
...IS
DIVIDED IN
TWO.

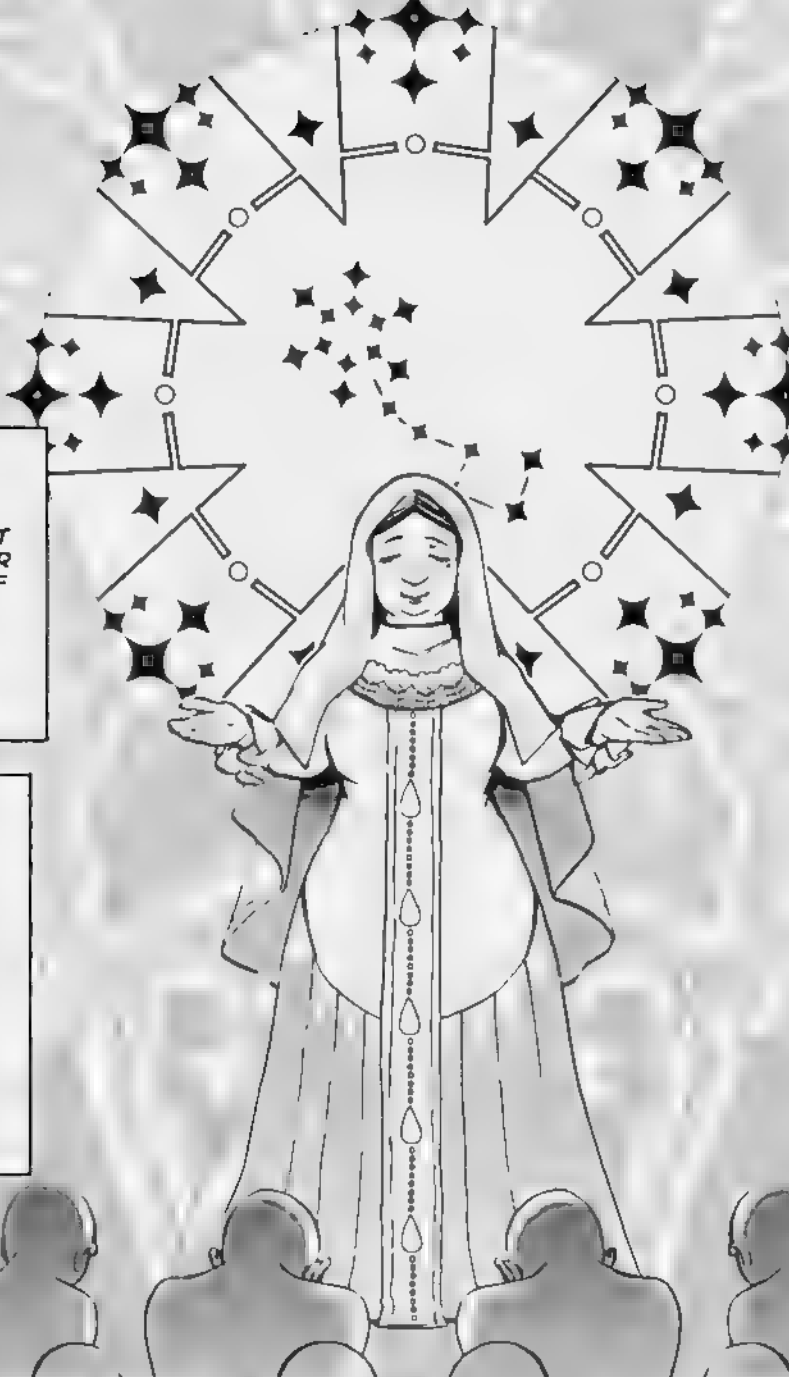
RIGHT
NOW,
HINAMIZAWA
VILLAGE...

LET'S
SORT
OUT THE
SITUATION.

...AND
FIVE HUNDRED
IMMIGRANTS
WHO ARRIVED
TWO YEARS
AGO...

FIVE
HUNDRED
VILLAGE
NATIVES...






A SUPPORT
GROUP FOR
VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.

A GROUP THAT
THE CURRENT
SONOZAKI
FAMILY HEAD,
AKANE,
ACCEPTED
BECAUSE
THE VILLAGE
WAS IN DANGER
OF BEING
ABANDONED TO
DEPOPULATION.

THE
POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY.




HOWEVER,
I VIVIDLY
RECALL
THAT THE
KIMUYOSHIS,
ANOTHER OF
THE THREE
FAMILIES, WERE
VEHEMENTLY
OPPOSED TO
THE IDEA.




THERE AIN'T
NO WAY THE
VILLAGERS'LL
BE ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND
THESE OF
ALL NEERDOS!

WHAT IF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA PUNISHES
US FOR LETTIN'
IN A BUNCH
OUTSIDERS!



I HAD NO
RIGHT TO
SPEAK OUT
OR OBJECT,
SO I
SUPPORTED
AKANE'S
DECISION.



...I DON'T
LIVE IN THE
VILLAGE
PROPER,
I TRAVEL
AROUND AS
I PLEASE.

AS A MEMBER
OF THE THREE
FAMILIES OF
HINAMIZAWA
MYSELF,
I WAS
CONSULTED
BEFORE THEY
MADE THAT
DECISION,
BUT...

ARE YOU SUFFERING RIGHT NOW?

AND
AMIDST
THAT,

WHICH FURTHER
DEEPENS THE
DIVIDE BETWEEN
THEM AND THE
PEOPLE OF
HINAMIZAWA,
WHO PREFER
CLOSE RELATIONS
WITH ONE ANOTHER.

ALL MISFORTUNE COMES FROM BONDS
THAT SOCIETY FORCES ON US

YOU CAN ESCAPE LET'S LIVE AWAY
FROM ALL THIS

NO COMMUNICATION OF ISLAND
OUR FAMILY IS NECESSARY

The Holy Mother Taught Us

THE POLARIS
MEMBERS
FOLLOW
A DOCTRINE
THAT FORBIDS
COMMUNICATION
WITH OUTSIDERS.

BECAUSE BOTH
OCCURRED ON
THE NIGHT OF
WATANAGASHI,

ONE
OF THE
VILLAGERS
DIED OF
ILLNESS.

THE
VILLAGERS
BEGAN
WHISPERING,
WONDERING
IF IT MIGHT
BE THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA.

LAST
YEAR,
THE YEAR
AFTER
POLARIS
MOVED IN,

AND ONE
MEMBER
OF POLARIS
WENT MISSING.


THE
CLASH
OF TWO
RACED
SAME

WHEN THE
GUARDIAN
DETH OF
HINAWAKA
CRASHED
SAMI'S
MOUTH IS
INCLINED
ONE HILLARY
WILL DIE

AL
AL
AL

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT

THEN ANOTHER
PERSON MUST
DISAPPEAR AS A
SACRIFICE TO
GUESS THAT
ANGER... OF
SO THEY SAY



IF OYA-
SHIRO-
SAMA... IF
HANYUU
WERE
HERE,

I'M NOT
THE SORT
OF GOD
WHO
CURSES
PEOPLE!

I HATE
PEOPLE DYING,
AND BEING
TORMENTED!

SHE'D
PROBABLY BE
STOMPING
THE GROUND
WHILE
SHOUTING
THAT.

I HAVE NEVER
ONCE WISHED
FOR BLOOD-
SHED OR
SACRIFICE!

...THE
DEATH FROM
ILLNESS
AND THE
DISAPPEARANCE
JUST
HAPPENED
TO OCCUR
ON THE
DAY OF
WATANAGASHI.

I BELIEVE
THE
INCIDENT
LAST YEAR
REALLY
WAS JUST
A CO-
INCIDENCE.

IF YOU ASK ME,
SHE'S A KIND,
SIMPLE GOD THAT
CAN BE PUT IN A
GOOD MOOD BY A
SINGLE CREAM PUFF.

AS OYA-
SHIRO-SAMA'S
PRIESTESS
MYSELF,
I CAN
CONFIDENTLY
DECLARE...

"THERE'S
NO SUCH
THING AS
THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA."



...RIGHT.

THERE
ARE DEFINITELY
STILL MALICIOUS
PEOPLE WHO'D
TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE
CURSE AS A
CONCEPT.

EVEN
IF THE
CURSE
ITSELF
DOESN'T
EXIST,

IT'S
SUCH A
SAD, SAD
SITUATION...

PEOPLE HAVE
CARRIED OUT
ALL SORTS OF
TORTURE IN
MY NAME...

I WANT
EVERYONE
TO GET
ALONG,
BUT...

HOWEVER...





IN THE FIRST
FRAGMENT,
MION WAS
KILLED AND
KEIICHI WENT
MISSING ON
THE NIGHT OF
THIS YEAR'S
WATANAGASHI.




IN THE NEXT
FRAGMENT,
THE FUTURE
KIMIYOSHI FAMILY
HEAD WENT MISSING,
AND HIS ASSISTANT
DIED, AGAIN ON
THE NIGHT OF
WATANAGASHI.



AND IN THE
PREVIOUS
FRAGMENT,
I WAS KILLED.

IN ALL
LIKELIHOOD,
SOMEONE
ELSE WENT
MISSING
AS WELL.



I CAN
CLEARLY
FEEL THE
MALICIOUS
INTENT
BEHIND THIS
INCIDENT...



AND
ONE
GOES
MISSING.

ONE
PERSON
DIES.


IT SEEMS
THAT'S
SOMETHING
THAT ALWAYS
HAPPENS ON
THE NIGHT OF
WATANAGASHI IN
THE FIRST
YEAR OF THE
REIWA ERA.



JUST AS
YOU, RIKA, WERE
TRAPPED IN A SEEMINGLY
ETERNAL TRAGEDY
BORN FROM SOMEONE
OF STRONG WILL.



FATE IS
FORGED
BY STRENGTH
OF WILL.



IF THE
SAME
EVENT IS
OCCURRING
IN ALL
OF THEM...

WHEN YOU
LAY ALL
THESE
FRAGMENTS
ON TOP OF
ONE ANOTHER,

...IT
MEANS
SOMEONE IS
USING THEIR
STRONG WILL
TO MAKE
THESE THINGS
KEEP
HAPPENING.



BUT THE
TRAGEDIES
THIS TIME
AREN'T
LIKE THAT.



IN THE PAST
TRAGEDIES,
THE VICTIMS
ON THE
NIGHT OF
WATANAGASHI
AND EVEN
THEIR MEANS
OF DEATH
WERE
CERTAIN AND
IMMUTABLE.

WHO IS BEING
SNUFFED OUT
UNDER THE
GUISE OF
THE CURSE,
OR BY
WHAT MEANS
THEY'RE
BEING BEING
KILLED OR
ERASED?

THE
CULPRIT
THIS TIME
DOESN'T
PARTICULARLY
CARE...




THE
VICTIMS
AND
THE
MEANS OF
DEATH
ARE ALL
OVER THE
PLACE.

WHICH
MEANS,



BECAUSE
THE
CULPRIT
WAS
PUTTING
THEIR
ABSOLUTE
WILL INTO
ACTION.



TO MAKE
THE CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA OCCUR?
WHY WOULD
THAT BE
NECESSARY...?

AU...
I DON'T
GET IT...

THE
CULPRIT'S
GOAL IS TO
MAKE THE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-SAMA
OCCUR BY
WAY OF THEIR
STRONG WILL.

...I
SHOULD
BE THINKING
ABOUT
IT THIS
WAY...



WHAT ON
EARTH
COULD
THEY
STAND TO
GAIN FROM
MAKING
THAT
HAPPEN...?

EXACTLY,
WHAT'S
THEIR
OBJECTIVE?

THERE
HAS TO BE
SOMETHING
THE KILLER CAN
ACCOMPLISH
BY CAUSING
THE CURSE
TO OCCUR.

BUT, THEIR
REASON FOR
KILLING ME WAS
LIKELY BECAUSE
THE DEATH
OF THE
PRIESTESS
RIKA FURUDE
WOULD BE
THE ULTIMATE
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA. I CAN'T
THINK OF
ANYTHING ELSE.

THE CULPRIT'S
STRONG WILL IS
DRIVING THEM TO
MAKE THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA OCCUR.



IT'S SO
FRUSTRATING
THAT I CAN'T
REMEMBER
THE MOMENT
WHEN I
WAS KILLED.

EVEN IF AN ENTIRE
ORGANIZATION IS
BEHIND IT, IF I
COULD REMEMBER
WHO KILLED ME,
I'D BE ABLE
TO IDENTIFY
THE CULPRIT
AT ONCE...!

WHOEVER
KILLED ME
MUST BE
THE CULPRIT
TRYING TO
MAKE THE
CURSE HAPPEN.



IF I COULD
FIGURE OUT WHY
SOMEONE WOULD
WANT THE
CURSE TO
HAPPEN...

AND,
THE
MOTIVE...



...IF YOU
COULD
IDENTIFY THE
CULPRIT...

BUT
RIKA...

...BREAK
THROUGH
THIS TRAGIC
FATE...!

I
SHOULD
BE ABLE
TO...

Dark side of
Japan, not found in
news articles

Dangerous
places that
still exist. TOP 10

Scary stories
Granny told me

THESE DAYS,
JUST ABOUT
ANYONE CAN
FIND THAT
LEVEL OF
INFORMATION
ON THE INTERNET.

THEY KNOW
THE LORE
BEHIND THE
CURSE...
BUT THAT'S
NOT ENOUGH
TO SAY THEY'RE
HINAMIZAWAN...

SO,
WHO
IS THIS
CULPRIT?

...IT'S A PAIN,
BUT IN THE WORST
CASE SCENARIO
I'LL EVEN HAVE
TO CONSIDER
THE POSSIBILITY
OF A COMPLETELY
UNRELATED CRIMINAL
JUST DOING
THIS FOR FUN...

EVEN THINGS WE
DARE NOT TELL
THE KIDS,
THEY'RE
ABLE TO LOOK
IT UP ONLINE AND
LEARN IT ANYWAY.

CAN YOU
NARROW
DOWN THE
CULPRIT
BASED ON
A PATTERN
OF THE
VICTIMS?

THE NEXT
HEAD
OF THE
KIMIYOSHI
FAMILY, HIS
ASSISTANT,

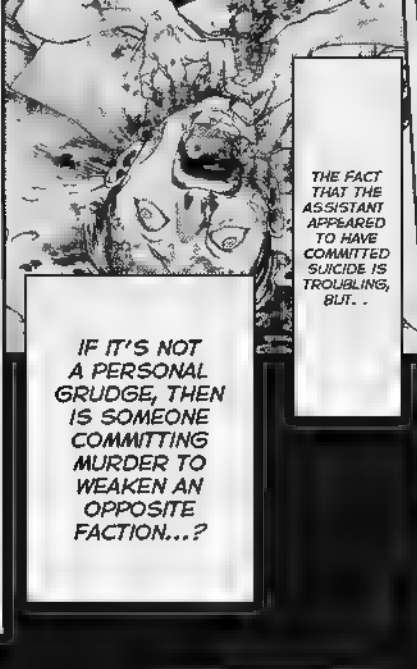
KEI-
ICHI,

MION,

THE
VICTIMS...

ME...

AND,



IF IT'S NOT
A PERSONAL
GRUDGE, THEN
IS SOMEONE
COMMITTING
MURDER TO
WEAKEN AN
OPPOSITE
FACTION...?

THE FACT
THAT THE
ASSISTANT
APPEARED
TO HAVE
COMMITTED
SUICIDE IS
TROUBLING,
BUT...

AND ALL
INFLUENTIAL
PEOPLE,
AT THAT.



HINAMI-
ZAWA
RESI-
DENTS?

WHAT
DO
THEY
HAVE IN
COMMON...

IF
THAT'S THE
CASE, THEN
OF COURSE
THE MOST
SUSPICIOUS
ONE WOULD
BE...




...THE
POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY.


THE
GROUP
IN DIRECT
CONFLICT
WITH THE
VILLAGE...



AU...
HOW AWFUL...
AND IT WASN'T
JUST TO
KEITAROU,
BUT TO
KEIICHI'S
PARENTS TOO!



IN THE WORLD OF
THE FIRST LOOP,
THEY ACTUALLY
DID COMMIT A
HORRIFIC TRAGEDY
IN THE END.




THOSE
POLARIS
PEOPLE
ARE
DEMONS!

WHAT
WERE
THEY
EVEN
DOING?!



THAT DIDN'T
FEEL LIKE
A LIE, OR
THAT HE
WAS BEING
THREATENED.



HE SAID THAT
THE MEMBERS
OF POLARIS
BEAR NO ILL
WILL, THEY'RE
JUST REGULAR
PEOPLE WHO
ARE HURT
AND SCARED.

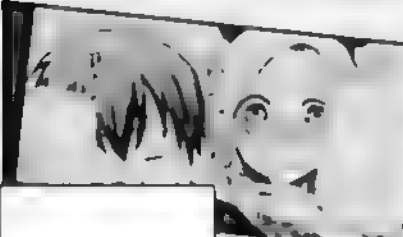
BUT IN
THE NEXT
WORLD,
KEITAROU
PARTICIPATED
IN THE
POLARIS
FESTIVAL.



WHAT ON
EARTH IS
BEHIND THIS
DIFFERENCE
IN IMPRESSION?

IS
THAT EVEN
POSSIBLE?

UP UNTIL THE
WATANAGASHI
FESTIVAL THEY'RE
JUST REGULAR
PEOPLE, BUT AFTER
THAT THEY'RE
CULTISTS WILLING TO
GO AS FAR AS
ARSON AND
MURDER SUICIDE?



PLUS,
IF THEY'RE
NORMAL
UP UNTIL
WATANA-
GASHI,

THEY ATTACKED
KEITAROU, THE
ONE RESIDENT
WHO WAS MORE
FRIENDLY TO THEM
THAN ANYONE
ELSE, SO TO
SPEAK...

IN THAT
FRAGMENT,
HE WENT TO
WATANAGASHI
WITH A
POLARIS GIRL
HE WAS
GETTING
ALONG
WELL WITH.



AND
SPEAKING OF
ODD THINGS,
WHY DID THEY
TARGET THE
MAEBARA FAMILY
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

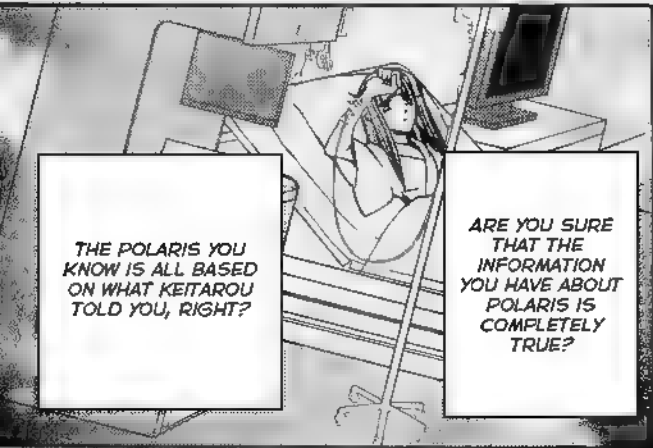
ISN'T IT
ODD TO
THINK
THEY'RE THE
CULPRITS
BEHIND THE
CURSE?



RIKA, THERE'S
ONE THING THAT
BOTHERS ME...



...I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.



THE POLARIS YOU
KNOW IS ALL BASED
ON WHAT KEITAROU
TOLD YOU, RIGHT?

ARE YOU SURE
THAT THE
INFORMATION
YOU HAVE ABOUT
POLARIS IS
COMPLETELY
TRUE?

THERE'S
STILL SO
MUCH I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
ABOUT
POLARIS.



WHAT IF KEITAROU
HAS DEVELOPED
HINAMIZAWA
SYNDROME, JUST
LIKE KEIICHI
BEFORE HIM...?

ISN'T IT
POSSIBLE HIS
PERCEPTION IS
SKEWED?

FOR
EXAMPLE,



HINAMI-
ZAWA
SYN-
DROME.

IT'S A
DISEASE
ENDEMIC
TO THIS
REGION,
CAUSED BY
BRAIN
PARASITES.

ALL THE
PEOPLE IN
THE AREA
ARE INFECTED
WITH IT,
ALTHOUGH
SYMPTOMS
WON'T
DEVELOP
UNLESS
UNDER
EXTREME
STRESS.

ONCE ONSET,
THE PATIENT
DEVELOPS
PARANOIA
AND A
PERSECUTION
COMPLEX,
CAUSING
THEIR
DEFENSIVE
INSTINCTS
TO MAKE
THEM OVERLY
AGGRESSIVE.

THE DISEASE
CAUSES
INTENSE
ITCHING IN
THE LYMPH
NODES,
EVENTUALLY
RESULTING IN
SUICIDE
BY CLAWING
AT ONE'S
OWN THROAT.

...RIGHT.

COULD
THAT HAVE
DISTORTED HIS
PERCEPTION?

WAS
KEITAROU
SHOWING
ANY
SYMP-
TOMS?

IT
WAS
KIHIRO.

HE
MENTIONED
THAT ON THE
PHONE IN
THE FIRST
FRAGMENT,
RIGHT AFTER
THE ARSON
INCIDENT
AT THE
MAEBARA
HOUSE...

I'M SURE
SOMEONE
SAID THEY
WERE
GETTING AN
UNCOMFOR-
TABLE
FEELING
ABOUT
KEITAROU.

HE WAS
LIKE A
WHOLE
DIFFERENT
PERSON...

IT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO HAVE A
DISCUSSION
WITH HIM
BECAUSE
HE WAS SO
CONVINCED HE
WAS RIGHT.

HE WAS
SCRATCHING
HIS HEAD
OFTEN, AND
HYPER FIXATED
ABOUT US
HAVING TO GET
ALONG WITH
POLARIS.

...HE
DIDN'T
LOOK
WELL.

...?

I
CAN'T DENY
THE RE-
SEMBLANCE,
BUT...

WHAT IS
THIS...?

TRUE, I DID
GET THE FEELING
KEITAROU WAS
DIFFERENT FROM
USUAL, BUT COULD
THAT REALLY BE
HINAMIZAWA
SYNDROME...?

I'VE GOT A
BAD FEELING
ABOUT THIS...

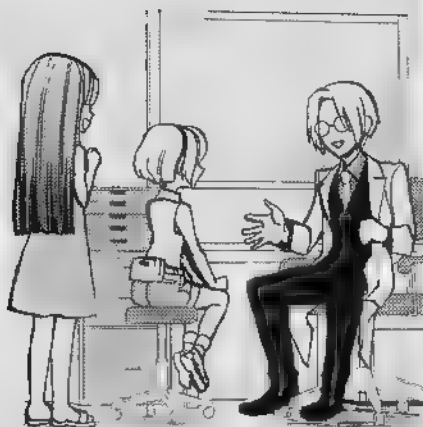
THE PUZZLE
PIECES JUST
DON'T QUITE FIT
TOGETHER...

KEITAROU
SHOULDN'T EVEN
HAVE HINAMIZAWA
SYNDROME IN THE
FIRST PLACE...

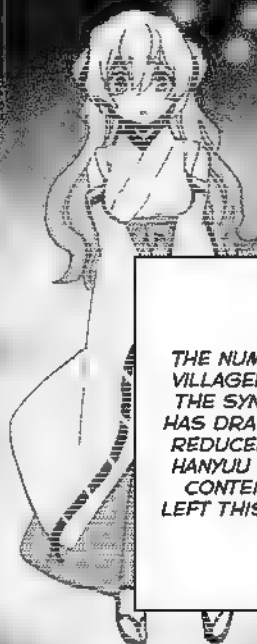
...NO,

THAT'S WHY
EVEN I, THE
QUEEN CARRIER
THAT AFFECTS
EVERYONE,
CAN FREELY
TRAVEL ALL
AROUND THE
WORLD...

THINGS
HAVE
CONTINUED
TO REMAIN
STABLE FOR
MORE THAN
30 YEARS
SINCE THEN.



THE NUMBER OF
VILLAGERS WITH
THE SYNDROME
HAS DRASTICALLY
REDUCED SINCE
HANYUJ BECAME
CONTENT AND
LEFT THIS LAND...



...UGH...



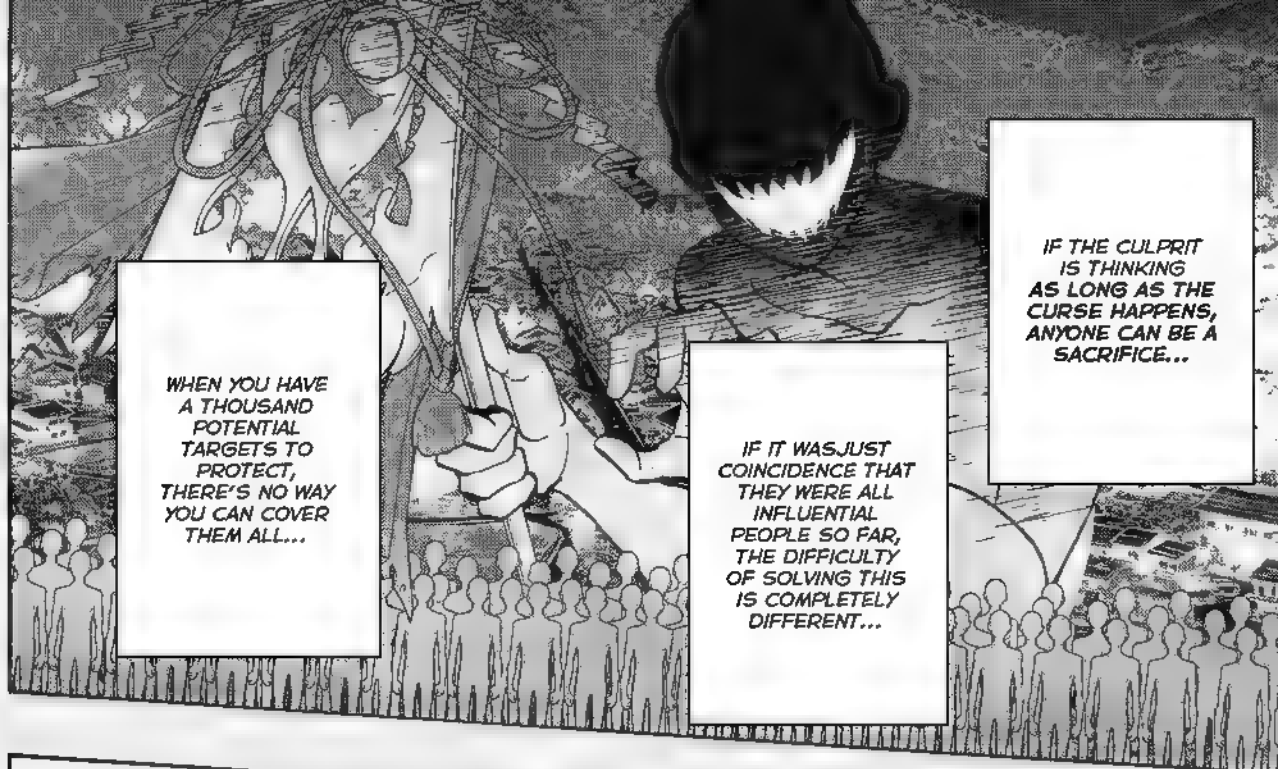
EARLIER,
I WAS
THINKING
THE
VICTIMS
WERE
INFLUENTIAL
PEOPLE IN
HINAMIZAWA,
BUT...

TEN DAYS
FROM NOW...
WITHOUT FAIL,
SOMEONE WILL
DIE, AND
SOMEONE WILL
GO MISSING...

AND YET,
WATANA-
GASHI
FESTIVAL
IS JUST
TEN DAYS
AWAY...

THERE
ARE TRULY
SO MANY
THINGS
I STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...





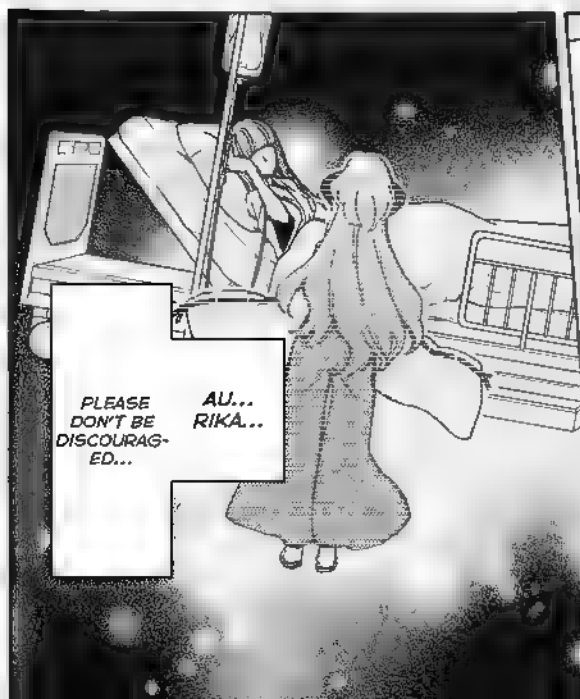
WHEN YOU HAVE
A THOUSAND
POTENTIAL
TARGETS TO
PROTECT,
THERE'S NO WAY
YOU CAN COVER
THEM ALL...

IF IT WAS JUST
COINCIDENCE THAT
THEY WERE ALL
INFLUENTIAL
PEOPLE SO FAR,
THE DIFFICULTY
OF SOLVING THIS
IS COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT...

IF THE CULPRIT
IS THINKING
AS LONG AS THE
CURSE HAPPENS,
ANYONE CAN BE A
SACRIFICE...

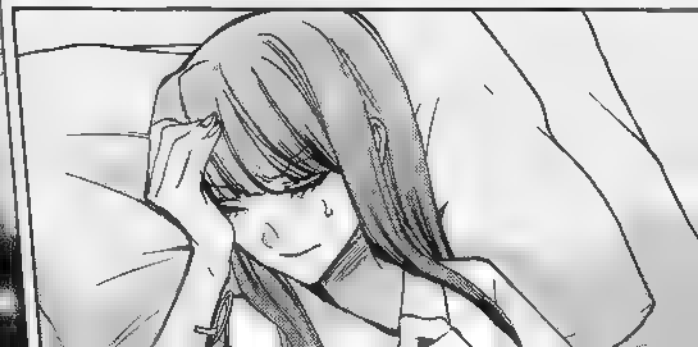


I NEED TO
FIGURE OUT THE
CULPRIT'S
OBJECTIVE,
RIGHT AWAY...!



PLEASE
DON'T BE
DISCOURAG-
ED...

AU...
RIKA...





AND
DON'T
FORGET,

YOU'RE
NOT
ALONE...



AND I...



BE-
CAUSE
YOU,



I'LL GET
NOWHERE
FRETTING
ABOUT THIS
ALL ON MY
OWN...

I
KNOW...



THAT'S
WHY,

I MADE
THE CALL
ALREADY.



HAU! WE
CAME TO PAY
YOU A VISIT,
RIKA-CHAN...

...WITH
APPLE
BUNNIES,
MADE BY
KIHIRO AND
RENA!

STEP...

YO!
RIKA-CHAN!
HOW ARE YOU
FEELING?



FALLING
DOWN THE
STAIRS?! SHEESH
RIKA, YOU'RE SO
CLUMSY!

ANYWAY,
I'M SURE
YOU'RE MOST
EXCITED TO SEE
US ALL, AREN'T
YOU?

AN
EMERGENCY
MEETING OF
THE CLUB
MEMBERS ISN'T
SOMETHING
YOU DO FOR
JUST ANY-
THING!

WHAT
THE HECK
IS GOING
ON, RIKA-
CHAN?





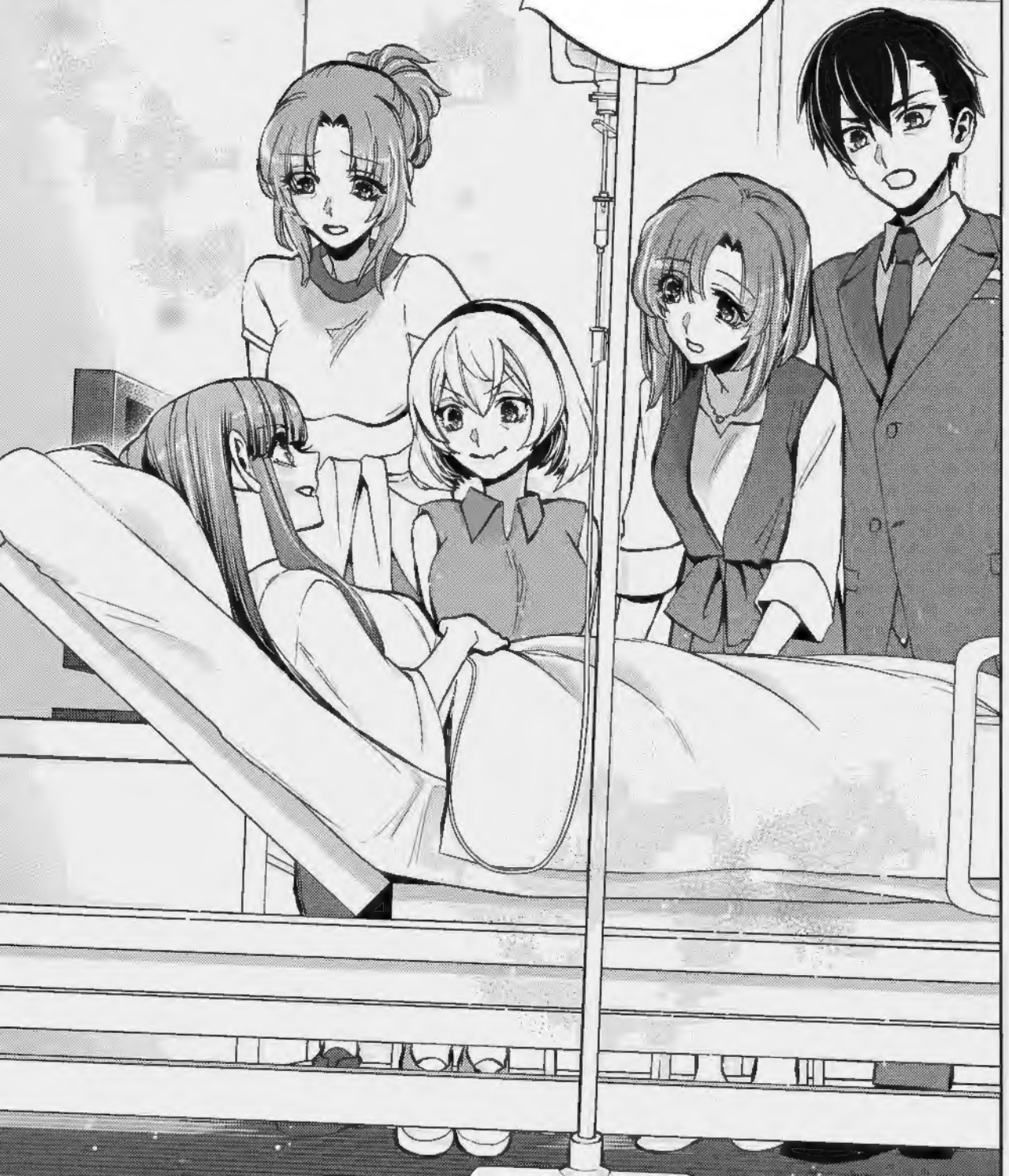


THANK
YOU FOR
COMING OUT
HERE,

EVERY-
ONE...

...HAVE
SUCH
RELIABLE
FRIENDS!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
WE NEED TO
TALK ABOUT.



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